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NEW NIRA PROGRAM

The long delayed Public Works Bill has finally become a law and recent reports of the press indicate that the President plans speedy action, although he does not promise the work to reach peak load until some time in November.

The Region has been making plans so as to be able to start work promptly, and to the extent that funds are made available, when an allotment is received, but no information is available as to what may be expected in the way of an allotment or when we may get the "go" signal. Prompt action will be desired when this signal is flashed, and we do not want to fall short of what will be expected of us or of the reputation the Service gained in handling the last NIRA program.

At the present writing there is no definite information as to the manner in which the work will be undertaken or the labor recruited other than press reports with which you are all doubtless familiar.

The only definite action taken so far is the hurry-up request recently from the Forester to submit estimates of equipment needed for the NIRA program with shipping destinations, and this was furnished as best we could from informa-

tion already supplied by the forests. The request was for an estimate of the equipment needed for the full program in accordance with the original estimates submitted last December, and for another estimate of equipment needed based on receiving only one-half of the amount of the original estimates. This is all rather indefinite, and it is presumed that one-half allotment, if made, would be on the basis that a reduction in the NIRA funds would be justified in view of the expanded CCC program. The only course we can take now is one of watchful waiting in order to be prepared to take prompt action when we get the "go" signal.

--Rezin E. Pidgeon
Regional Engineer

SOIL EROSION SERVICE

TRANSFERRED TO AGRICULTURE

Effective April 1 the Soil Erosion Service was transferred from the Department of the Interior to the Department of Agriculture. Since the beginning of ECW the Department of Agriculture, through the Forest Service, has been operating a large number of soil erosion camps; some

of them in cooperation with the TVA, some on national forests, and a large number on private lands.

Region 8 had during the fourth work period 27 private-land erosion camps in Texas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. With the transfer of the Soil Erosion Service to the Department of Agriculture, the responsibility for these private-land camps passed from the Forest Service to the Soil Erosion Service. It is understood that the camps will be operated under the direct supervision of the Regional Directors of the Soil Erosion Service.

There is a Regional Director of the Soil Erosion Service station in each State in Region 8, with the exception of Tennessee. All requests for information concerning private-land erosion work should be addressed to the Regional Director of the Soil Erosion Service for the State concerned.

--C. F. Evans
Asst. Regional Forester

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REGION 8 TO HAVE 104 NEW

CAMPS UNDER EXPANDED CCC

Although the expanded fifth-period program of the CCC has not been definitely approved, Region 8 will have 104 new camps under the tentative allocation for the expanded fifth period as follows: National Forest camps, 55; TVA camps, 24; State camps, 25.

Under the tentative line-up, including the old camps as well as the new, camps allocated to the forests for the fifth period of the CCC are as follows:

Alabama	4	
Cherokee	19	
Apalachicola	5	
Choctawhatchee	2	
DeSoto	23	
Houston	14	
Kisatchie	10	
Nantahala	14	
Ocala	2	
Osceola	3	
Ouachita	18	
Ozark	13	
Talladega Purchase		
Unit--Alabama	2	
Unaka	6	
Wambaw	<u>11</u>	159
TVA camps	<u>43</u>	43
State camps		
Alabama	5	
Arkansas	9	
Florida	14	
Georgia	19	
Louisiana	18	
Mississippi	5	
North Carolina	13	
Pisgah	13	
Oklahoma	4	
South Carolina	14	
Tennessee	8	
Texas	<u>13</u>	<u>135</u> 337

Though the new camps have not been definitely approved at this writing (April 11), the Forest Service is going ahead with plans and is purchasing equipment from an allotment of \$12,000,000 made by Director Fechner for this purpose.

The Regional Office has furnished the Forester with a statement of needs and shipping instructions for trucks and equipment to be purchased from Region 8's share of the twelve million for State, National Forest, and TVA camps. The Forester's office has been going ahead pretty rapidly with bids for trucks and equipment, and other preliminary plans, and the

calls upon the Region for estimates of truck and equipment needs have been on short notice and the requests and shipping instructions furnished the Forester have been taken from the information previously received from the field. The trucks and equipment being purchased cover replacements of worn out units, replacements of regular National Forest equipment to be taken from ECW in the event of a Nira program, and new trucks and equipment needed for the additional camps under the expanded fifth period program. The allotment was not sufficient to cover all of the needed trucks and equipment and later estimates will be made as soon as the additional needs are determined.

On the National Forests the work of the camps will be essentially as in the past except that the restriction as to low service truck trails no longer applies, but the Director has authorized the construction of truck trails to the standard required to meet all National Forest uses and in accordance with the revised truck trail standards. There will also be a number of dams and other recreational improvements. The Region has several proposed dams approved and work has been delayed on these pending the employment of a hydraulic engineer to head up this activity. It is proposed to get these projects under way in the very near future, and in addition there will be several other projects which have not yet been submitted for approval.

Another activity which has come into the limelight, and which should be given a more prominent place in the work programs, is road bank fixation. In addition to reduce future maintenance costs and reducing the amount of eroded soil carried

into the streams, this activity has a public value of improving the appearance of the roadside.

The expanded CCC program places an additional burden on all of the administrative officers, but the Forest Service has gained a reputation of being able to meet such emergencies, and I am sure that the confidence which the public and the Administration have in the Service will be justified by the handling of the additional work load.

--Rezin E. Pidgeon
Regional Engineer

PROPOSED FEDERAL ACT TO

BUY STATE FOREST LANDS

Hearings on the proposed Federal Act, authorizing the expenditure of twenty million dollars will probably be held in the near future. Briefly the act contemplates that the Federal Government will acquire land suitable for State forests, holding title to these lands until the States reimburse the Federal Government for the cost, such reimbursement to come through one half the gross receipts or otherwise. A number of the States in Region 8 have already enacted enabling legislation permitting them to enter into agreements with the Federal Government under the proposed Federal Act.

--C. F. Evans
Asst. Regional Forester

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS

CONFER IN ATLANTA

The first conference of executive assistants to be held in Region 8 is now in progress at Regional Headquarters. The meeting opened Monday, April 8, and will continue throughout the week. The Regional Forester greeted the group and expressed a desire to see uniform progress in our main service organization. The conference is chairmaned by Mr. Marshall and Mr. Stone, alternating on subjects peculiar to the Branch involved. The conference is composed of the following: T. T. Hall, Pisgah; H. C. Woods, Florida; H. F. Nichols, Florida; F. R. Yates, Ouachita; J. A. Nelson, TVA; G. A. Otto, Sumter; S. B. Helms, Ozark; J. A. Lubbe, Southern Experiment Station; C. DuPree, DeSoto; Josephine Laxton, Appalachian Experiment Station; E. E. Wagner, Sam Houston; C. A. Brown, Kisatchie, P. W. Moneymaker, Cherokee; and W. B. Dillon, Nantahala.

--F. C. Stone
Executive Assistant

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ARKANSAS ENACTS FOREST-FIRE LAW

The State of Arkansas has recently passed a very comprehensive forest fire law, known as The Cole-Crutchfield Forest Fire Law, Act 85 of the 1935 Session of the Arkansas State Legislature.

Forest fires in Arkansas are now declared a public nuisance by reason of their menace to life and property. Landowners or others responsible either for the starting or existence of such a fire are now required to control or extinguish it immediately. On failure to do so,

any organized fire suppression force may control or extinguish the fire and the cost of so doing may be recovered from the responsible parties.

All employees of the State Forest Commission shall have the power of peace officers in enforcing fire laws. They shall be allowed to enter any lands and construct fire lines and to set back fires to stop the fire when actually burning.

The destruction or damage to telephone lines, towers, buildings or other improvements necessary in fire protection and suppression work is declared a felony punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by a sentence of not more than three years in jail.

It is declared a misdemeanor to build a camp fire on land not one's own, without clearing the ground immediately around it from material which will carry fire. It is likewise a misdemeanor to throw away a lighted cigarette, match or cigar, or in any way to start a fire in forest material that is not one's own. These and other misdemeanors set forth in the Fire Forest Law may be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or a sentence in jail of not more than a year.

Copies of this very complete law may be obtained from State Forester Charles A. Gillett, Little Rock, Arkansas.

--W. R. Hine
Regional Forest Inspector

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KISATCHIE PLANTS OVER

FOUR MILLION TREES

A total of 4,202,000 longleaf and slash pine seedlings were planted on the Kisatchie National Forest during the 1934-35 season which ended the last of February. The work included all four units of the forest -- Vernon, Evangeline, Catahoula and Kisatchie. The planted areas totaled 4,580 acres; 2,704,000 longleaf seedlings were used and 1,498,000 slash pine.

The Kisatchie planting program amounted to almost a third of the planting work for the entire Region. CCC men performed splendid service. Two good workers could put a thousand or twelve hundred trees in the ground in one day.

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PLANTING ON THE OZARK

Nineteen plantations were established on the Bayou Project on the Ozark containing 488,100 seedlings covering 791 acres. With the exception of a few acres, eight by eight spacing was used.

On the Pleasant Hill Project two plantations were established. On one 26,700 seedlings covering 31.6 acres were used and on the other 2,300 covering two acres. Six by six spacing was followed. CCC planting crews averaged 65 trees per man-hour on this work.

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FORT BRAGG CAMP HAS CLEAN

MOTOR ACCIDENT RECORD

According to F. H. Claridge, in charge of ECW State forestry work in

North Carolina, Camp 53-P at Fort Bragg, is the only State forestry camp that has a record of no motor vehicle accidents with the equipment under its supervision since the establishment of the camp in 1933. In congratulating the superintendent, Donald S. Stubbs, on this record, Mr. Claridge said:

"Yours is the only one of the State supervised camps in North Carolina which has this clean record, and I desire to congratulate you and your foremen on this splendid showing. I think the record especially commendable because you have a side camp with all the extra travel entailed by such an organization."

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Relief Worker: What can I do for you, young man?

Applicant: I came to see if you could tell me how to get into the Civil Conservative Corpse.

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There is little danger of forest fires where the only sap present is in the trees.

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SAM HOUSTON

Acquisition surveys continue to be one of the principal activities on the Sam Houston. In less than a year more than 600,000 acres have been surveyed. It is expected that as additional tracts are approved for purchase, the effectiveness of the surveys will be increased by approximately 25 percent. By April 1, it is expected that more than 400,000 acres will have been described and the descriptions turned over to the title examiners.

Examination work is proceeding rapidly. To date, some 750,000 acres have been offered for sale; about 700,000 acres examined; more than 650,000 acres reported on; and a little more than 600,000 acres optioned. Examination work on this forest has been in progress less than a year. It is hoped that by the end of the current fiscal year, a total of approximately 750,000 acres shall have been placed under option.

TSI Gets Under Way

Twelve cultural foremen are now at work on the Sam Houston and TSI work is getting under way. A more careful examination of representative areas of approved tracts leads to the conclusion that the percentage of such tracts that can be classified as treatable is smaller than previously believed. It now appears that not more than half of the national-forest area is susceptible of TSI work.

Two cultural foremen are assigned to timber-survey and management-plan data collection. They are working on the separation of management plans covering the portions of the most heavily timbered tracts that give greatest promise of being susceptible of early operation. It is

hoped that timber sales may be started within the next few months.

Administrative Site

With the approval of the purchase of a ten-acre administrative site near Lufkin, plans are going forward for the construction of a road depot and garage buildings. Later a ranger station will probably be erected. A pleasing location, convenient to the four ranger districts, has been selected, and it is hoped that this site may be developed as a model national-forest administrative site.

Distinguished Visitors

A small group of East Texas citizens and the forest supervisor met the Forester and Regional Forester in Louisiana on March 10. An informal dinner at Lufkin that night was attended by more than 65 persons representing the East Texas timber belt. Lieutenant Governor Woodul welcomed the visitors and State Senator John S. Redditt acted as toastmaster.

The Forester inspected most of the best timbered tract that has been approved for purchase on the Sam Houston, and also saw much of a private property of 200,000 acres that is being managed on a sustained-yield basis.

It is springtime (March 18) on the Sam Houston. In town the wisteria is blooming, and in the field redbuds and pine trees are in full blossom. If you feel a trip to Texas coming on, the present would appear to be the time for it.

--L. L. Bishop
Forest Supervisor

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SUMTER

Work on the Wambaw Unit is more advanced than on any other in Sumter National Forest. Road building, under the direction of Road Superintendent Montague and Chief Truck Trail Locator Verner, is progressing splendidly despite the fact that the road crews are in close touch with the fire-control outfit and are ready to assist in fighting fires on a moment's notice.

Long Came Unit went into high during January and February. Both field and office forces disregarded office hours for beginning or ending the day in an effort to raise percentage. The tracts are very small which slows down the work.

Enoree Unit placed all optioned tracts except three on the base map.

Croatan Unit is handicapped by the lack of lookout towers, but one is now being constructed at Pelletier and the necessary telephone lines built to it.

Wambaw Grants Date Back to 1677

The grant work on Wambaw has been troublesome but very interesting. The first grants date back to 1677 and the later ones to 1924. A great many were not recorded, through carelessness perhaps, but there were other reasons as the following shows:

The advertisement quoted below was published in the Charleston Gazette of Saturday, August 13, 1737, a weekly publication.

"Whereas, there has been little or no regard had to the many advertisements in the former Gazettes, relating to grants lying signed in the Secretary's Office of this Province, by which it evidently appears that some of the grantees would, if possible, defraud the officers concerned of their just and

lawful fees, some of the said Grants having been signed 3 and 4 years ago, notwithstanding whereof the greatest lenity hath been hitherto shown on that account. There are therefore to give notice, that the following persons have Grants signed in the Secretary's Office aforesaid, and upon paying the fees due may have them delivered when demanded; and further to certify all those who shall refuse or neglect to make such their demand in one month after date hereof that warrants will be issued against them, as the most summary way of recovering the said fees. August 19, 1737.
James Michie, Dep. Sec'r."

In the published list of some two hundred, there was one for 302 acres conveyed by the grantee in 1738 and recitals in other conveyances referred to it as having been granted to the grantee in 1737. He evidently succeeded in "defrauding the officers concerned."

The Charleston staff are all excited over the proposed move of the office in the near future, to Columbia, South Carolina.

--H. M. Sears
Forest Supervisor

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DESOTO

February saw the last of this year's allotment of longleaf and slash pine seedlings planted on the DeSoto. A total of 2,741,500 young pine trees were planted on the barren areas of the Leaf River and Chickasawhay ranger districts.

Before these areas came under protection of the Forest Service, they were logged with a skidder and burned annually, resulting in a land devoid of tree growth ex-

cept for occasional worthless scrub oak. Now, however, in a few years promising young saplings will cover the ground, and in a few more years these will have grown to poles and thinnings can be made for pulpwood. Perhaps in two or three generations mature timber will again cover the ground as it did less than two decades ago.

For the protection of the young seedlings, approximately thirty miles of hog-proof wire fence and sixty miles of fire lanes have been built within and surrounding the plantation areas.

The actual planting job required approximately 9,000 mandays of labor.

Regulated Grazing for DeSoto

The establishment of regulated grazing on the DeSoto has been started by making a grazing census listing the owners of livestock, the number of stock they graze, and the locality. There are probably thousands of head of cattle and sheep grazing national-forest land. When placed under grazing permits, the fees will probably add considerably to forest revenues.

Fires Bad Last Week of February

The DeSoto went through the worst period in its fire history February 20-28. During this period of only eight days 107 fires occurred, burning 4,544 acres of NF land. On the Holly Springs, Bienville, and Biloxi ranger districts protection improvements are not yet complete and this accounts for the large acreage burned.

Submarginal Project Proposed For Holly Springs

A report on a cooperative sub-

marginal land project on the Holly Springs Unit was prepared and submitted for approval. This would be a cooperative project between AAA and the Forest Service, the AAA to purchase submarginal farm lands within the Unit boundaries, resettling the residents elsewhere on better farm lands. The project as reported is divided into three units and embraces a total of 146,000 acres.

Sportsmen Hold Field Trials on Leaf River

The South Mississippi Gun and Dog Club accepted an invitation from District Ranger F. W. Bennett to hold their first field trials on the Leaf River Ranger District. On the first day of the trials the group of sportsmen were welcomed by local forest officers, invited to use NF land for such recreation, and warned to prevent forest fires during their trials.

It is hoped that the Forest Service will be able to work with this club in the future for conservation of game and prevention of fires. The following extract from an editorial in the Hattiesburg (Miss.) paper is indicative of the cooperation that may be expected:

"The South Mississippi Gun and Dog Club has organized in behalf of one of the most important enterprises in any section.

"The sporting and social phases of the club's activities should not be over-emphasized at the expense of the greater, more vital forces underlying its organization.

"Keep the fields and woodlands from being burned! Get after these quail trappers!

Prevent game murderers from hunting out of season!

"Do all these things and you will more than justify your existence as a constructive group of courageous men."

--R. M. Conarro
Forest Supervisor

CHEROKEE--ALABAMA

Crop tree TSI work nears completion, 63,000 acres having received treatment on the Cherokee and Alabama Forests since cultural work began.

Although timber-survey work has been handicapped because of reduced personnel, it is expected that field work on the Alabama Forest will be completed April 1, with approximately 153,000 acres representing the finished job.

The Hiwassee District now has five going timber sales of the 202-a class, two sales being consummated during the month. An additional 202-a sale is pending, and small amounts of timber, acidwood, and pulpwood are being removed under 202-c agreements.

Erosion Planting

Plans are nearing completion for the planting of abandoned fields and special use areas showing erosion on the Hiwassee and Tellico Districts, approximately 30 M black locust seedlings having been ordered for this purpose.

Wildlife

A successful predatory animal control campaign on the Alabama

Forest was brought to a close on February 28. During the month five part-time trappers greatly reduced the vermin population, 40 foxes, 2 wildcats and numerous skunks being trapped.

Requisitions have been submitted to the Tennessee Bureau of Fisheries for trout and bass fingerlings with which to stock the better fishing streams in the Hiwassee and Tellico Districts. The improvement and beautification of the rearing pools at the head of Rock Creek in the Georgia unit are nearly completed, and two loads of brown trout have already been moved to the pools by the Georgia Fish and Game Department. It is estimated that 100,000 trout will be placed in the pools this year.

Following the closing of the fall turkey season on the Alabama Forest in 1934, conferences with the State Game Commission resulted recently in a tentative selection of a spring season, from March 10 to April 10, with a seasonal limit of two male birds.

Improvements

The Sheeds Creek Dispatcher's Station on the Hiwassee District is rapidly becoming a place of beauty, with office, guard station, barn and two equipment depots already completed, and erection of blacksmith shop and another residence planned. Construction of three warehouse buildings near the Woody's Gap ranger station will be completed during March, providing much needed facilities for the Georgia Unit.

Hunt Wild Boar in Tennessee

A wild boar hunt was recently engaged in by Edward C. M. Richards, TVA Chief Forester, and a party of

friends. They made Tennessee F-9 on the Tellico River their headquarters.

The history of the occurrence of this unusual game animal is interesting. A small number of Russian wild hogs were introduced about 1910 on the Moore Estate on Hoopers Bald, Graham County, North Carolina. Strong and large, these animals escaped their fences almost immediately. They scattered over a limited area, including the headwaters of the Tellico River and Citico Creek on the Tellico District and for a time multiplied rapidly, crossing with native stock. The large size and black, occasionally brown, color have persisted, and the animals offer excellent sport. They are agile, wary, and typically nocturnal in their feeding habits.

--K. R. Mayer,
Acquisition Staff Asst.

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THE LOOKOUT

On March 30 Regional Forester Kircher and Assistant Regional Forester Evans attended a conference in Tallahassee, called by Governor Sholtz of Florida, for the purpose of considering measures to further promote forestry in that State. A number of measures including tax reform, acquisition of land, increased appropriations, "no fence" law, and similar subjects were discussed and committees appointed to follow up the proposals and work out the program of action.

Dr. T. S. Buie, Regional Director of the Soil Erosion Service for South Carolina, was in the Regional Office April 11 for a conference with Assistant Regional Forester Evans concerning the fifth period program of erosion-control camps. Dr. Loy E. Rast, Regional Director for Georgia, was in Atlanta on April 8 for a similar conference.

Lewis E. Staley, formerly Secretary of the Department of Forests and Waters, Pennsylvania, and now attached to the Forester's office on the work of promoting Federal and State legislation and cooperative plans for the acquisition of State forests, was in Atlanta April 3, for a conference. State Forester Harry Lee Baker of Florida, President of the Association of State Foresters, also attended this conference, with Mr. Kircher, Mr. Hine and Mr. Evans.

Regional Forest Inspector W. R. Hine left the Regional Office April 10, for an inspection of the cooperative work and State CCC work in North Carolina.

Engineering Inspector

J. H. Stone, attached to the Branch of States Relations, left April 11, for a two-week inspection of private land camps in Georgia. Mr. Stone returned a few days ago from a ten-day inspection of State camps in Tenn.

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FROM THE ASHEVILLE (N.C.).

CITIZEN, APRIL 4, 1935

Ten Years Ago Today

A. C. Shaw, assistant supervisor of Pisgah National Forest, returned to his duties yesterday, almost recovered from injuries received while fighting fire in the Bent Creek section last week. Mr. Shaw was chopping a blazing tree when his axe slipped, injuring his foot.

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Assistant Regional Forester H. O. Stabler and his assistant J. F. Brooks have been in Asheville for the past week on ranger job load analysis and work plans. They are also conferring with officials of Region 7 on various organizational problems affecting the two regions. They will return to Atlanta Wednesday by way of the new units in South Carolina and Charleston.

Regional Forester J. C. Kircher left last Tuesday for a Regional Foresters' meeting in Washington.

Assistant Regional Forester Kramer is on an extended field trip in the states of Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Florida.

Assistant Regional Forester Shaw will leave Monday for a field trip to the Florida Forests.

Cultural Foremen C. W. Hauser,

W. R. Silcocks, H. E. Smith, and D. P. Ventulett have transferred from the DeSoto to the new Alabama units.

Foreman E. Y. Neal of the Sumter National Forest was painfully burned while fighting a Forest fire. The last report was that he was doing nicely at the Navy Yard Hospital in Charleston.

District Ranger Manges was giving a talk on fire prevention at Camp S. C. F-6. Just as he concluded a fire was reported, and audience and speaker rushed to the scene.

When Executive Assistant F. R. Yates and Mrs. Yates left Charleston, S. C. for Mr. Yates' new assignment on the Ouachita, a farewell party, attended by thirty members of the Wambaw family, was given them at the home of Supervisor and Mrs. Sears.

Lillian and Jewell King of the Branch of States Relations of the Regional Office and Virginia Hulme of Accounts spent the week-end of April 6 in Asheville, where they were connected with the Forest Service before coming to Atlanta.

From reliable sources it has been learned that Road Superintendent Ed L. Reese of the DeSoto National Forest has taken a bride and the couple are now making their home in Jackson.

Miss Helen O'Neill of the Branch of Engineering went to Charleston April 12 for the week-end. This quaint Southern city is her home. Elizabeth O'Neill Verner, distinguished Charleston

etcher, is Miss O'Neill's sister.

Official Standing

DIXIE DUCKPIN BOWLING LEAGUE

As of April 5, 1935.

Second-half

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Team Average</u>
Eastern Air Lines	6	0	100.16
USFS "Woodpeckers"	5	1	98.5
DuPont Powder Company	2	4	94.15
USFS "Engineers"	2	4	94.11
Five-Point Shoe Repair	2	4	93.16
Eastman Kodak	1	5	89.10

Individual Averages

"Woodpeckers"

Murphy	108
Kramer	101-5
Bell	102-2
Stone	92-3
James	89-2
Neiman	89
Harms	No Game

"Engineers"

Heffner	107
Cain	96
Kieny	95-3
Vogel	95-1
Pidgeon	85
Gay	82
Williamson	78
Root	No Game

THE WHY OF IT

No doubt many of you wondered why the Regional Office would include the activities of a Bowling Team as news in the Dixie Ranger. Since the first half of the league year is over and the results have been published, we are not ashamed to tell you about this strange bit of news. The "Woodpeckers" are slightly puffed up after taking second place for the first half along with a nice slice of the prize money. They not only finished second as a team but captured high individual score when Regional Law Officer Murphy rolled 141. Although taking second place, the team had more pins aggregate than any other team but they didn't get them to fall in the right games. You are still wondering just what this has to do with Forest Service business. Those that guessed it to be a publicity stunt may go to the head of the class. The teams present a neat appearance with their white athletic shirts

embroidered with the Forest Service shield on the back in green, complete with the "Old Pine Tree" and the name of the team. The value of the stunt is emphasized when one considers the games are played in the largest bowling parlor in the South with scores of people from various places and from all walks of life participating. So far we take first honors in the uniqueness of the shirts and hardly an evening passes but what some member of the team has to lay down his ball, assume the role of a dignified forest officer and explain to some person just who we are and why. The Service gets some favorable publicity, the team members get lots of exercise and fun which makes it well worth while. This interview happens to be with a "Woodpecker" and he requests that "Engineer" team be mentioned by saying they get lots of exercise out of the first half.

---Anonymous.

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